

NEWS RELEASE

Manti-La Sal National Forest
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Wrigley Hill Wildland Fire Use Fire

Ferron, Utah... As folks head to the mountains for the weekend, they may encounter smoke from the Manti-La Sal National Forest. Resource managers are using a wildland fire in the Wrigley Hill area, started by lightning on August 16, 2006, to play its natural role on the landscape. By utilizing the "Wildland Fire Use" management tool, the build-up of hazardous dead and downed fuels will be reduced and wildlife habitat for mule deer and elk will be improved.

The Wrigley Hill Wildland Fire Use area is located north of Ferron Canyon Road, 4.5 miles east of Ferron Reservoir and 2 miles east of the Jungle Prescribed Burn, and is being monitored closely. The fire is currently burning in a remote area in beetle killed Spruce Fir. Fire managers review the progress of the fire and weather forecasts regularly to determine if suppression action is necessary to protect life and property. No suppression action has been taken to date.

Fire Use Manager, Joe Arnold, wants forest visitors to use caution. "Remind everyone to be especially careful and fire conscious while recreating this summer."

If you would like more information on Wildfire Use visit www.utahfireinfo.gov, or please contact the Ferron office at 435/384-2372.

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